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ORDERSGRAFT Mexicans Murder Entire

President Asks Department of Justice to Investigate Rumore Concerning Airplane Construction Program

ACTIVITY OF GUTZON BORGLUM IS EXPLAINED

Sculptor Secured Information on Which to Place Charges **Against Service**

WASHINGTON, May 6 .- Talk of graft and mismanagement in the national airplane construtcion program, heard for months in senate debate and capitol lobby gossip, culminated oday in a presidential order for an investigation by the department of Almost simultaneously it became known that Major General Squier, chief signal officer and until recently in direct charge of army aviation, had demanded a military court of inquiry.

The White House in announcing President Wilson's action made public a telegram received Saturday from Howard Coffin, former chairman of the aircraft board, urging an official inquiry "that reputations of innocent men may not be ruined," and a serles of letters and telegrams exchanged between the president and Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, to whom is attributed responsibility for state ments that corruption in the expendture of funds and pro-German intrigue has hindered airplane produc-

Assurance Given. There also was a letter written by the president today to Senator Thomas of Colorado, a member of the senate military committee, assuring him ed in the fighting. that every instrumentality of the department of justice will be used to pursue charges of dishonesty or malversation of any kind if Mr. Borglum's allegations are found worthy of serious consideration. Senator Thomas laid before the president last week assertions made to members of the committee by the sculpter.

Investigation Personal. The exact status of Mr. Borglum as an investigator, which until now has been more or less of a mystery to the public, is cleared up by the correspondence. It develops that atter the sculptor had written to Secretary Tumulty last November in regard to the alleged defects in the aviation organization and the desirability of having certain experts called in, the president asked him to present his ideas. Late, on January 2, the president wrote a letter to Mr. Rorglum asking him to come to Washington and lay the matter before the secretary o fwar, and with the aid of a member of the secretary's personal staff discover the facts by personal investigation. by personal investigation. Borglum did this, and on March 29 the president wrote him that he had placed the matter he had furnished at the disposal of gentlemen to whom: he had committed the task og making a systematic inquiry into the whole aviatio nsituation. These gentlemen were the special committee, leaded by H. Snowden Marshall of New York, whose preliminary report preceded the recent reorganization of the army aviation service and the appointment of John D. Ryan as director general.

EMERGENCY FOOD BILL REPORTED

Measure Would Carry \$11, 712,283 for Agricultural Activities

WASHINGTON, May 6 .- An emerg-

for maintenance and develop

WEATHER

EAGLE PASS, Texas, May 6... Mexican bandits have murdered the entire family of Frederick Hillcoat at Lamariposa, in the Santa Rosa mountains near Muzquiz, Mexico, about 250 miles south of Eagle Pass. according to a telegram received here today. Besides Hillcoat, his wife and son, Jerry, and sister-in-law, Miss G. Lamare, were killed.

The tragedy occurred in the mountain home of the Hillcoats last Thursday, according to the telegram, which was received by George H. Lamare, brother of Miss Lamare. All the victims were British subjects.

Draft of Regulations Is Ready for Approval

WASHINGTON, May 6 .- Final draft regulations for registering German women in this country today went to Attorney General Gregory for approval and probably will be announced within a week. The date for registering the women then

The department of justice is considering further regulations forbidding the travel of Germans from one locality to another without special

Award Made as Result of Defense of Zeebrugge and Ostend-Losses Small

AMSTERDAM, May 6.—"In con-nection with the splendidly carried out defense against the British attempt to blockade Zeebrugge and Ostend and land at these ports," says the Berlin Vossische Zeitung in Sunday's edition, "a shower of orders has rained upon various persons."

Commanding Admiral Schroeder has been decorated with the swords of the red eagle of the first class; Chief Berlet of the general staff of marines, has been awarded the red eagle of the second class, with swords taining high explosives being inter and Captain Schuette, commander of mingled with those charged with poihe pattery on the mole, with knight's cross of the royal order of Hohenzol- by General Pershing's men lern, with swords.

The newspaper says the Germans lost only eight killed and 16 wound-

According to the Amsterdam Tele graaf, the German casualties were 300, of which 70 were men who were killed or died of their wounds.

AIRPLANE MAIL

Senate Adopts Bill Providing Limit of 24 Cents Per **Ounce** in Service

WASHINGTON, May 6 .- A bill authorizing the post office department to charge not in excess of 24 cents an ounce or fraction thereof for the transportation of mall by airplane was adopted today by the senate. The measure now goes to the house.

The postoffice department . announced today that the airplane mail service between, Washington, Philadephia and New York would be started May 15 as planned. Military air planes for the service are being assembled at Mineola, N. Y. As experiments would be made in dropping mail sacks while the airplanes are in motion, mail for the present will be confined to letters but for the inital trip May 15, sealed parcels will be

WHEAT BURNED IN WAREHOUSES

Huge Conflagration in St. Louis Destroys Valuable **Elevators and Sheds**

ST. LOUIS, May 6.-Fire which started this afternoon in a warehouse of the Independent Packing company in North St. Louis, destroyed five storage houses of the packing company, the Rogers grain elevator with several hundred thousand bushels of wheat, the four-story building uction act of last August, was of the Union Packing company and

> a number of storage sheds. Officials of the packing companies and the clevator company says the damage will not run more than \$500,000, but the police report of the fire gives the damage at \$3,-

000,000. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Bill Would Change Names of Berlin and Germany

WASHINGTON, Mac y .-- Cities towns, or hamlets bearing the name Berlin" or "Germany" or cities or towns havin gstreets so named would be required to change them to "Lib-Tuesday fair and warmer; frost der a bill introduced in the house tomorning; moderate northwest- day by Representative Smith of

Family at Lamariposa SHELL STORM DIRECTED AT **U.S. SOLDIERS**

Projectiles Contain Gas and High Explosives Australians and Canadians Hold Vital Sectors

EXPECT TO RESUME HEAVIER FIGHTING

Attack on Arras Sector Anticipated as One of Next Moves of Germans

OFFICIAL SUMMARY. Australian and Canadian troops are in action in the Britsh lines along the vital sectors of the battle front in France.

The Australians have struck the Germans near Morlancourt between the Ancre and Somme rivers, east of Amiens and have advanced their lines upward of three quarters of a mile, as a result of two assaults on the Teutonic positions.

The Canadians have appeared in the Arras sector, further south than they have been since the battles in this region began March 21. This part of the line is most important as it defends Arras to the southwest and includes localities such as Neuville-Vitasse; Mercatel and Bois-leux St. Mare, where there have been bitter struggles since the Germans launched their great offensive.

Yankees Near Montdidier. American troops on the French front not far from Montdidier, have been under a storm of shells for the last couple of days, projectiles con

Along the rest of the front in France there have been no engage ments of unusual character nor has the Italian front been attacked as yet by the Austrians who have assem

Es-Salt Again Abandoned, The British forces which have been holding the town of Es-Salt, east of Jordan and northeast of Jericho for about a week have been com pelled again to abandon the place before superior forces of Turkish and German troops. The British, however, are still maintaining their control of the crossings of the Jor dan further south.

From the official reports and special dispatches filed by correspond ents at the front there come intimations that heavy fighting may be resumed at any time,

There is a feeling along the French front that the Germans may attack in the Ypres, Arras and Amiens sec tors at the same time. These blows, carried on independently would really be phases of a new at tempt to cut through the lines in the Somme sector, eliminate the Arras sector and carry the high ground to the southwest of Ypres.

Assemble Heavy Forces. It has been pointed out by observ ers than an attack on the Arras sec tor either on the apex between Arras and Lens, or on the sides of the allied lines as they stretch back from those cities, must come before the Germans can hope to carry their admuch further. It is reported that heavy forces are being assembled be-

fore Arras for the expected attack.

Little relative to the internal sitcables but from Serbian sources it sions there have been clashes be ween the Slovenian population of that country and the Germans.

The methods by which the German military authorities have dealt with the Ukrainians have been denounced in both Berlin and Vienna by Social

NO INFANTRY ACTION. PARIS, May 6 .- The war announcement tonight says:

'The opposing artilleries quite heavily engaged north and south of the Avre, but there was no infantry action.

Eastern theater, May 5 .- Recip ocal artillery actions took place on different sectors. Enemy reconnaissances were repulsed on Dobropolie and Davol valley."

MOVEMENTS PREVENTED. LONDON, May 6 .- (Via Ottawa) Correspondents in France state that

the British gun fire in Flanders during the last three days has com pletely prevented any enemy move ment on the British lines, while the French prevented an attack which was undoubtedly being prepared on their front by attacking first,

Experts emphasize the difficulty of the enemy finding the target, which is to take the allies by surprise. Certain points of importance are carefully watched and if other points are attacked the allied re serves reach the battlefield as quickly as the German reserves.

Germany and Holland

THE HAGUE, Sunday, May 5.

In announcing to the Dutch chamber today that Holland and Germany had reached an agreement, Foreign Minister Loudon explained the settlement of the German demand for transport over the Dutch railway by way of Roermond. Germany, he said, had agreed to exclude from transport, airplanes, arms and munitions, while there never had been any question of the transport of troops. The foreign minister said Germany had undertaken to limit sand and gravel sent through Dutch waterways to a maximum of 1,600,-000 ton's and had promised not to use material for military purposes.

New Chilean Ambassador to United States Named

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 6 .- Eduardo Suareze Mujica has been named Chilean ambassador to the United

Corrupt Practises Are Attacked by Measure

WASHINGTON, May 6 .- A bill to penalize corrupt practices in the election of senators and representatives was favorably reported today by the senate privileges and election com mittee. Penalties of \$1000 fine of one year imprisonment or both, are provided.

JUDGE ORDERS BE EXHIBITED

Vanderveer's Objections to to Introduction of Pamphlets Over-ruled

MOVE IS TIME SAVER

Evidence Not Limited to Se Period I. W. W. Case in Full Swing

CHICAGO, May 6 .- The defense in the trial of 112 Industrial Workers of the World, accused of seditious prisoners receive practically noth conspiracy, sustained two defeats to- ing. day in rulings by Judge Landis on from thin soup made of barley or admission of evidence presented by counsel for the government.

derveer, chief counsel for the de- bread. It is impossible for a man fense, pamphlets ordered published to work without becoming sick or by individual members shortly before weak to the point of falling down. America entered the war, and other The men were also struck with rifle blood, mobilizing and arming the printed matter which has not been butts and the flat side of bayonets endorsed by general officers, were and are placed in dark cells on bread aced regions.

read into the records. Again late in the day the defense unsuccessfully tried to have stricken from the records testimony concern-Wash., before the period covered by

the indictment. "No authorization was given by the individual members," Mr. Vander- say, deathse are frequent.

eer protested.

In his second ruling Judge Landis held that evidence is not restricted uation in Austria has come over the to the period covered by the indict-Letters or documents preis learned that on at least two occa- pared before America's declaration ceiveed here, with injecting asphyxof war which show a clear relation- lating gas into letters sent home by ship to the present case may be ad-

mitted as evidence, it was held. reading into the records a petition prisoner in Germany. signed by nearly a hundred of the leaders of the I. W. W. demanding nation-wide raid last fall. This pe-band, a captive in Bavar tition some time ago was denied by cases have been reported. the court. In it the members had explained why they were the right-

ful owners of the matter. Thus the government, by a short cut, established the identity and conmembers. It was stated that the move would save days of technical the German soldiers afoot is emulat-

Edwin Smitheran of Spokane, told of the publication by his printing concern of several thousand cop-Workers of the World in 1316. On cross-examination the defense attempted to show that the transaction was handled by Richard Bra-

zere, one of the defendants, and

member of the executive board. "I contend that since Braere alone he alone should be held to an ac countability and not these other defendants," Vanderveer sald. His objection was overruled. Announcement was made today by

Benjamin Schager, one of the "Inthe National Socialist party now is list: The experts are confident that providing funds for the defense of Killed in a Mount Kemmel can be recovered if the accused I. W. W. and that kincl- Danville, Ill.

Agree on Transportation HUNS STARVE

Shameful Treatment of Captives Told by American Soldiers-Thin Cabbage Soup Only Nourishment

HOT CHAMBER MEANS OF PUNISHING MEN

Deaths From Deliberate Exposure to Cold Not Infrequent

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, MAY 6 .- American prisoners of war are being shamefully treated in German prison camps, if all have had the experience on an American interviewed by a French soldier, also a prisoner in Germany, just before he escaped. The French-man's story, as told to American of ficers, follows:

"A short time before I left Hameln, Hanover, I was able to have a few minutes interview with an American soldier who was taken prisoner several months ago. Being unwounded he was assigned directly to a prison camp. Weakened by excessive work he was forced to do in the ealt mines, and being unable to stay longer, he was sent to Hameln.

Loses Thirty-three Pounds. I do not remember the name of the man, or number of his regiment, three pounds. He was a man who Antonoff announ ly seen that he had been vigorous and healthy, but when I saw him he was incredibly thin and so weak he could hardly croos a room without stopping repeatedly, leaning on pieces of funiture or supporting himesif on zoxes

English Not Favored. "Englishmen also are badly treat ed in the mines. I found out that three of seven who were sent back to Hameln died. Packages services does not exist in the mines and the Their only neurishment is eggs and those of other fish which it is impossible to eat. There are Over objections of George F. Van very few potatoes' and very little and water.

Punishment Repeated "These cells are known to the mine prisoners as 'hot chambers' as ing publication of several thousand they are heated by steam to a high copies of "Sabotage" at Spokane, temaperature. After the men are held in these cells, they are turned out in the snow, where they are required to stand at 'attention' for a general organization for the acts of certain length of time. Needless to

"This man was punished several The court held, however, that the times in this way and told me all itary spies. acts of members, even without au- I am relating. I can confirm his thorization from the executive board, story because other Englishmen and help to form the structure which Frenchmen I saw at Hamelin did not served as a mental guide to all mem- have the strength even to hold a cig-

arette. Poison Gas in Letters. PARIS, April 19 .- (Correspon dence of The Associated Press)prisoners in their campss. A woman living in the village of La Sicotiere Just before adjournment tonight recently was ill for several days af the government sprung a surprise by ter opening a letter from a French

On the same day, it is said, another woman received a letter also return of all papers seized in the containing poison gas from her husband, a captive in Bavaria. Other

Aviators Not Sportsm WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN ated Press)-Gervan aviators are now resorting to unsportsmanlike nection with the I. W. W. of the tricks in an endeavor to outwit American flyers. The trickiness of ed by enemy airmen who are marking their machines to make them look as Wash., testifying for the government, much like allied markings as possi-

The Germans have taken to round ing off the corners of the cross on the wings of their planes to make them look like allied badges. The game of the German airmen is to play around, get in a shot if he can and then run. American flyers, for fear of attacking a probable friend, must get up close to an enemy mawas responsible for the transaction, chine, usually after considerable maneuvering, before opening a fight.

CASUALTY LIST.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 6 .names of the following Americans ner circle" of the organization, that appear in tonight's Cauadian casualty

Killed in action: W. McAuliffe, red organizations also have offered Died of wounds: R. H. Turner, Toledo, O.

Pro-German Activity In Porto Rico Is Uncovered CAMOUFLA

AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 6.

living evidence of pro-German and anti-conscription activity in Porto Rico reached here today on an American steamship, which arrived from the island. Federal marshals had on board as prisoners Gerard Leibisch, a German veterniary surgeon of San Juan, convicted of offering bribes to soldiers to desert upon their arrival in France, and go over to the German side; and Florencio Romero, a wealthy Porto Rican, convicted of spreading literature against the draft and of attempting to form an antimilitaristic league. Each was found guilty of sedition in Porto Rico and sentenced to four years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

Employes of Associated Press Buy Liberty Bonds

NEW YORK, May 6.-The employes of the Associated Press subscribed for \$49,000 to the third liberty loan. This amount was divided among 484 subscribers. The previous loan totals were, first \$30,000; second, \$44,000. These figures do not include the subscriptions made by the association stself.

ARE DISARMED

General Antonoff Resigns Rank of Commander-Propose Boundary

LONDON, May 6.-A Russian wireless message received here today at the next meeting was passed.

"The ex-chief General Commander Ovseinenko Antonoff has sent a declaration to the government of the but he had been among the first Russian republic, stating that the Americans in the trenches, and his soviet troops have refreated beyond home was in New York. He told me the frontier of Ukraine and have that during the three months he was been disarmed in accordance with in the Harz mines he had lost thirty- the Brest-Litovsk treaty. General hostilites against the Germano-Haidamack troops and resigns the rank of commander in chief of the

"Nikolai Lenine and Leon Troffky, in a joint declaration, have ordered single detachments in the southern republic to be disarmed immediately they pass the frontier of the Russian soviety republic and that the advancing Germano-Haidamack troops be informed of this disarmament and that there is no justification for the transference of the fighting into the Russian republic. They propose that an agreement shall be concluded for cabbage, sometimes salted codfish | the immediate cessation of hostilities and fixing the boundary line. And in case the Germano-Haidamack detachments decline our offer and trample under foot the conditions of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, we must defend ourselves to the last drop of whole adult population of the men-

Members of Jap Consulate at Irkutsk Held as Spies

LONDON, May 6 .- A Reuter dis patch from Tokio says that the Russian authorities at Irkutsk have arrested the Japanes vice-counsul and also the president of the Japanese association on the charge of being mil-

INTERPRETER ON WITNESS STAND

Lieutenant Marchand Takes Part in Trial of Directors of Bonnet Rouge

PARIS, May 6 .- Lieutenant Mar army, and an expert in German pronewspapers, Bonnett Rouge, today, am not sure that we are not paying He showed the simifarity between too much now." the policy pursued by the Bonnet tricts of northern France, using the rate in Salem is not higher French language.

fluence the French population re- in the last two years, from \$2 a maining in the occupied districts. thousand down to \$1.60. Some articles which the censor had prevented from appearing in the Bonnet Rouge, nevertheless, appeared in the paper issued by a German agency at Zurich.

Many articles that appeared

the Bonnet Rouge showed a tendence to ridicule the idea that German spies were working in France to discourage soldiers and dishearten the lighting properly the outskirts of the Lieutenant Marchand pointed out fifteeen different press campaigns in which the Gazette, the Bonnet Rouge and the Germanophile newspaper at Zurich all used the same arguments, cited the same facts and even showed the same style in composition and the same errors in citations.

Keyes Takes Issue on Request That Council Ask Service Commission to Probe Need of New Rates

MANAGER DEFENDS POSITION IN CASE

Merely Wants Assurance That City Will Abide by Commission's Order

Mayor Keyes took sharp issue last night with the ordinance committee of the city council and with Manager W. M. Hamilton of the local division of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company on a resolution which Mr. Hamilton asked the city council to pass, requesting the public service commission to investigate rate charge es for use of gas in Salem and to allow an increase if the investiga-tion shows that the present rate in too low for the company's welfare. Aldermen McClelland and Ward stood with the Mayor who sent Alde man Wilson to the chair and took the floor to make his argument. - A tion by the mayor that the question be deferred and made a special order

Mayor Keyes branded as ca flage a part of Mr. Hamilton's argument, but later, prior to the vote or his motion for postponement, adm ed that Hamilton's reasons for asking the city to submit a petition to ti

service commission were fair. Mr. Hamilton first appeared or the floor and set forth the reasons on of for the company's desiring an the higher cost of operation and the lack of a corresponding incres quest that the city ask the co sion to investigate was that this ac tion would show the company that the city would be willing to abide by an order of the commission increase ing the rates, should the commi so decide, and the result would be that the company would have no h itancy in spending money for an additional bench, or gas generator, to

maintain an adequate supply throu the coming summer seas "We want to feel," said Mr. Ha ilton, "that if the commission sh order an increase in rates the city would not fight the order and make a lot of trouble about it. If the council will pass this resolution ntight even install the new bench without waiting for the commission

McClelland Would Avoid It. Alderman Ward found objective to the resolution in that it would suggest to the commission that the city is prepared for an increase in gas rates and that the commiss would be influenced to that extent

McClelland declared the counci

should not be asked to pass the res-"The company should take its own petition to the commission." he de clared. The 6-cent fare case has caused the biggest stink in the state and naturally the commission will be'in a mood to evade responsibility for anything else in connection with the Portland Railway, Light & Pow-er company. I am opposed to this mission to take the whole respon

ity and not shuffle it off upon the

city council. If there is any odium let the commission bear it." Mayor Keyes took the floor, "I do not think it is right," sa the mayor, "that the company should shield itself behind the city council. Mr. Hamilton comes before the coun cil and says the company needs : new bench and needs it at on say this is all camouflage. He has chand, an interpreter in the French known for months about the need of a bench. Why hasn't he prepared paganda, was the principal witness his petition and placed it before the at the trial of the directors of the commission according to law. I am defunct Socialist and Germanophile opposed to increased gas rates and

The mayor read figures covering Rouge and that of the Gazette of the rates in other cities in support Ardennes, a paper which the Ger- of this argument. Manager Hamilmans published in the occupied dis- ton quoted figures to show that the paratively than the rate in other The purpose of the Gazette, Lieu- places and said the company volunenant Marchand stated, was to in- tarily had decreased the rate twice

> City Help Light Bridge. resolution submitted by Chairman Wiest of the light committee was passed obligating the city to pay half the maintenace of light on the new Willamette river bridge. cost will be \$15 a month. Aldermer Elliott and McClelland both oppo the resolution on grounds that the city should give more attention to city where residents are petitionin for lights. F. W. Steusloff, president of the Salem Commercial club, appeared before the council in behalf of the resolution.

By another resolution of the light committee adopted last night the city will economize on street lighting by

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cy food appropriation bill carrying total of \$11,712,283 for agricultactivties authorized by the food ably reported to the house toy by the committee on agriculture. es this amount the measure uld make available some \$6,500,previously authorized for the pur and sale of seed to farmers for

he bill would provide funds for prevention, control and eradicaof diseases among animals and for the prevention of waste ood in storage, in transit or held sale; for supplying farm labor at of the cooperative agricultural ion work conducted in cooperaon with state agricultural colleges.